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H. RES. 649

Urging the President to continue efforts to support programs and activities that provide food to the needy and school-age children in developing countries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 24, 2000

Mr. HALL of Ohio (for himself, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. KAPTUR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Global School
4 Meals and Women and Children Nutrition Resolution of
5 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) There are an estimated 790,000,000 chron-
2 ically hungry people in the world, of which
3 300,000,000 are children.

4 (2) Each of the approximately 2,000,000,000
5 children in the world should have the right to sur-
6 vival, health, education, and protection from exploi-
7 tation and abuse of all kinds.

8 (3) All of society is responsible to ensure that
9 the right to education be realized for all children and
10 all adolescents.

11 (4) According to the United Nations Children's
12 Fund (UNICEF), in sub-Saharan Africa as well as
13 all over the world, HIV/AIDS preys on the young,
14 poor, and powerless, and on girls and women in par-
15 ticular. While educated individuals have access to
16 the knowledge needed to protect themselves from
17 HIV/AIDS, the life-saving information is not finding
18 its way to those with little or no education.

19 (5) It is in the early years of childhood when
20 a child is most likely to be scarred and handicapped
21 for life by malnutrition.

22 (6) Numerous studies show the importance of
23 nutritious school meals and the correlation between
24 improved dietary status and enhanced school per-
25 formance.

1 (7) Studies show that a higher percentage of
2 children attend school and remain through gradua-
3 tion when meals are provided.

4 (8) There is a vital need for the international
5 community to create mechanisms to ensure the pro-
6 tection and realization of children, so that children
7 everywhere may benefit from renewed efforts to en-
8 sure the fullest achievement of their rights to edu-
9 cation, nutrition, and a basic standard of living for
10 their protection when they are threatened by vio-
11 lence, abuse and exploitation.

12 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

13 The House of Representatives—

14 (1) commends Ambassador George McGovern
15 and former Senator Robert Dole for their bipartisan
16 endorsement and leadership in promoting a world-
17 wide school meals program and for their remarks at
18 the May 2000 National Nutrition Summit at which
19 they jointly called on the United States Government
20 to lead the world in providing meals in school set-
21 tings for the more than 300,000,000 hungry chil-
22 dren in developing countries; and

23 (2) urges the President—

24 (A)(i) to continue efforts to support pro-
25 grams and activities that provide food to the

1 needy and school-age children in developing
2 countries, including efforts under the Global
3 Food and Education Initiative announced by
4 the President in July 2000 at the G–8 summit
5 meeting in Okinawa, Japan; and

6 (ii) to ensure that the appropriate offices
7 within the Department of Agriculture and the
8 United States Agency for International Devel-
9 opment have an adequate number of personnel
10 in order to carry out, monitor, and evaluate the
11 Global Food and Education Initiative; and

12 (B) to continue to lead in organizing a
13 worldwide school meals program, as called for
14 by Ambassador George McGovern and former
15 Senator Robert Dole, and a supplementary
16 feeding program for pregnant and nursing
17 women and their children under the age of 5
18 similar to the special supplemental nutrition
19 program for women, infants, and children under
20 section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966
21 (42 U.S.C. 1786), including transmitting to the
22 Congress a request for appropriate legislation
23 to authorize such programs and to provide suf-

- 1 ficient funds for such programs for fiscal year
- 2 2002 and subsequent fiscal years.

